

DRAFT MINUTES/UNAPPROVED  
North Haven Memorial Library Board Meeting  
Thursday, September 17, 2009

Minutes

Attendance: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kaercher at 7:30pm.

Present: Sarah Aziz, Lois Baldini, Kimberly Carew, Patricia Dortenzio, Michael Fletcher, Raymond Fowler, Phyllis Kaercher, Erin MacDonnell. (Secretary, Mary Ann Santora)

Absent: John Carlson, John Graef, Dorothy Mautte.

1. Ray Fowler moved that the minutes of the May 21st meeting be accepted. Seconded by M. Fletcher.
2. K. Carew moved that the Financial Statement for June, 2009 be accepted. Seconded by M. Fletcher. R. Fowler moved that the Financial Statement for July, 2009 be accepted. Seconded by S. Aziz.
3. Old Business: R. Fowler noted the work on the roof had begun. L. Baldini stated it had just started this week and deferred details to the Director's Report.
4. **New Business:**

P. Kaercher received a letter from the First Selectman asking to have a comment section of the meeting. P. Kaercher mentioned that this board has always been open to comments and have had a number of members from the civic class attend the meeting. P. Kaercher asked if everyone had received their scheduled meeting dates. L. Baldini apologized for not conducting this business at the last meeting.

**Director's Report:** The Department of Labor Career Bus visited the library in June. It was a very successful session. In fact, it was so well attended that it has been rescheduled for November.

The summer programs in the Children's Department were a great success with over 50 programs. All programs were well attended. The reading club maze was televised per the suggestion of the First Selectman as it was done so well. About 1000 children registered for the reading club. Congratulations to Patti LaTerza and her staff. The fall programs are ready to go. The mother/daughter book discussion series will continue as well as the parent/son book discussion series. There will also be an I Spy series which will feature a Detective from the North Haven Police Department who will come in and explain how they solve a crime. Fancy Nancy and her tea party will back as she was a huge success.

The library lost a part time staffer, Deborah Ward, who accepted a full time position in the Finance Department. The position has been advertised and was offered to an individual pending the physical, drug test and background check.

The tentative start date will be September 28, 2009. The new individual has extensive library experience and is an artist.

The classification study for the librarians union has been completed on the part of the Director and staff. Completion was required by December 2009. It will be used for a 2010 wage reopener.

The roof is presently being repaired with a completed portion over the Linsley Street side. The town building inspector is making multiple visits to check the work.

The summer book sale is a huge success. Two autographed donated books were offered and purchased on E bay, one by Hank Aaron and one by Sophia Loren. If anymore autographed books are donated, they will also be offered on E bay with the proceeds going to the Friends. Any leftover books were boxed and will be recycled at the Congregational Church book sale.

The memorial plaques in the Reading Garden will be replaced for the third time. The plaques are made of plastic and do not withstand the weather. Sacred Engraving of Ohio makes aluminum plaques with stakes attached. When contacted, they stated these plaques should last for twenty years. The Friends will pay for their replacement. We thank the Friends!

Summer Saturday hours were very successful. A lot of non resident use.

Iconn.org – is the state website and is now offering down-loadable audio books. There is a link on the library website.

The Friends will meet on 10/24 to discuss the planned one book one read. P. Kaercher thinks project should launch in November.

The newspaper reported someone was arrested for sleeping in the Reading Garden. The person gave a bogus address to obtain a library card. This individual was repeatedly using the garden and frightened members of the public who wanted to use the garden. The Police Department spoke to this individual and he was warned, the next time he was ticketed. He returned to the library again and was arrested. Shortly after being arrested he returned to the library and was escorted out by the police department. He has now been banned from this library.

R. Fowler stated that someone he had lunch with from the Department Of Labor said that the Career Bus was extremely busy, one of the best attended sessions. Two other people came to him and said they thought it was great.

S. Aziz questioned the extension of DVS sets of TV series. P. Dortenzio replied that we have now changed the renewal policy to two renewals.

5. The next scheduled meeting will be held on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. E. MacDonnell moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:00pm. Seconded by K. Carew.